spent by them. So, this refers not to the Housing Board but to the Housing Corporation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಪೋಶಿ.—ಲೋ ಇಕಂ ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಸ್ಕೀಮಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮನೆ ಕಟ್ಟುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನ್ಯಂತವ ಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳುವವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಇರುವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ಶಾಲಿಗಳಾದ ಜನರು ಗೌರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಫೀಸರ್ಸ್ ನಲುವಾಗಿ ರೆಂಟ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪೈರಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—We shall enquire into it.

Elections to Belgaum Municipality.

*Q.—427. **Sri B. R .SUNTHANKAR** (Belgaum City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the term of the Belgaum Municipality expired on 20th February 1962 ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for not conducting fresh elections before the expiry of the term ;

(*c*) whether there was a proposal to extend the term of the Municipality and if so, why the term was not extended ;

(*d*) whether it was not obligatory for the Government to order fresh elections in time ;

(*e*) under what provision of law, the administration of the Municipality is carried on at present ;

(*f*) for how long the present administration would continue ?

*A.—**Sri K. PUTTASWAMY** (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) It expired on 21st February 1962.

(*b*) The Municipality requested Government not to conduct the elections stating that :

(i) the existing wards of the Municipality require reconstitution on the basis of the population of 1961 Census.

(ii) The existing reservations of seats for Harijans and Ladies have to be rectified taking into consideration their present strength.

(iii) The general elections both of the Assembly and Parliament are to be held in the month of February 1962 and that if the Municipal elections are held at the same time, there would be great confusion and would affect adversely the result of the elections.

With a view to examine the request of the Municipality for reconstitution of the wards, the election was not held before the expiry of the term.

(*c*) For the reasons mentioned in the above reply, the Municipality requested to extend the term for one year. The question of extension of the term could not be considered as the working of the Municipality was found to be unsatisfactory.

(*d*) Normally Government are anxious that elections should be held in time ; but in this case, elections could not be ordered in view of the position mentioned in reply to clause (*b*) of the question.

(*e*) Under sub-section (2) of Section 19 of the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act, 1925.

(*f*) Till such time as a new President and Vice-President shall have been elected and shall have taken over charge of their duties.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether it is a fact that the Belgaum Municipality sent a proposal of programme of holding elections in advance to Government ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—They have.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Why no reply was sent to the Municipality.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Government was considering whether to hold the election or not and it came to the canclusion that the Council was not functioning satisfactorily. So they did not hold the elections and by aefflux of time the Council's term was determined.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—My question is why the Municipality was not given any reply up till now ? The Municipality is not informed why elections are not held.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Now there is no Municipality and there is no Municipal Council.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—But the President is there.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The President is there but there is no Municipal Council, as I said.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the President has been informed of this ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Government are considering as to what to do under the circumstances.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—For how long the Government is considering because the term of the Municipality as stated in the reply expired on 24th February, *i.e.*, more than 6 months have elapsed. How long the Government will take to consider this question?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The time that is just required for consideration.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether under rule 12 of Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act, 1925, it is not an obligatory duty on the part of the Deputy Commissioner to hold elections as soon as a term of any municipality expires ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I will look into it.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Is it the policy of Government to postpone elections whenever a municipality requests the Government to postpone election ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—That is not the policy of the Government.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, in the month of June or July you were pleased to tell us about the postponement of elections of the Mysore City Municipality. Did the Mysore Municipality request postponement of elections and extend the term ? They did not do so there, but they did it here.

Mr. SPEAKER.—They have not extended here. My friend is not only committing mistakes, but he is also thoroughly confused.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Supplementary to (*c*). Sir, is it fair for the Government to postpone the election for the reasons given here ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member is asking my opinion whether this is fair ; it is for him to infer.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I am not asking the individual opinion of the Minister ; I am asking the opinion of the Government.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What has been done in this case is, in the opinion of the Government, quite fair.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, it is stated that the term of the present Municipality ends on 20-2-1962 ; So, since the elections have not been held so far, does it not mean that the term is extended ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, I have already made it clear that the term of the Municpal Council was detrmined by the efflux of time on 21-2-1962 ; there is no Municipal Council now.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Which is the authority that is functioning now ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The authority that is functioning now is the President and the Vice-President and the Commissioner.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Supplementary to (*c*). May I know in what way the working of the Municipality was found to be unsatisfactory ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—If a separate question is put, I shall answer that.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—If the working of the Municipality was not satisfactory, why did Government allow it to function ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Government deliberately allowed the Council to go out of office by an efflux of time.

Sri L. B. BIRJE (Spoke in Marathi and Translated yb SRI B.R. SUNTHANKAR).—Whether the Government is aware that a writ petition has been filed by a Voter of Belgaum in the Mysore High Court starting that as the elections to the Belgaum Municipality have not been held, it has encroached upon his right to vote ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would not have allowed the supplementary if I had known that ; it is *sub judice*.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Sir, it is stated here that the working of the Municipality was found unsatisfactory. If so, why action was not taken against the Municipality ? Moreover, there was the proposal to supersede. Is the Municipality superseded ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, the term of the Council was over and there was no need to give a bad name to those who were going out.

(*Laughter*).

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—When the term of the Council expired, was it not the duty of the Government to hold fresh elections immediately ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, I am glad that my friend is telling the Government what duty they have to do. What they thought desirable under the circumstances, they have done.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—It is said that they have no notice of the writ petition. Is it not a fact that the writ petition is allowed and a direction is given to the Government ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Probably it is within the knowledge of the Hon'ble Member.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Translated from Marathi).—Whether the Government propose to continue the present administration or whether they propose to make any changes in the present administration ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, Government is not happy in continuing the present set up. They are actively considering what to do to end the present set up early.

Sanctioning of the new Tank of S. M. Gollahalli in Madhugiri Taluk.

*Q.—506. **Sri T. S. SIVANNA** (Madhugiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the new tank of S. M. Gollahalli in Madhugiri Taluk was investigated and proposals sent to Government for sanction ;

(*b*) at what stage the proposal is pending at present ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the ryots are urging to take up this work in view of the famine condition of that area ?

*A.—**Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA** (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Investigated in May 1960, estimate received by Government in April 1961.

(*b*) Under consideration.

(*c*) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಣ್ಣ.—ಇಇವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್ ಬಹಳ ಸಾಧುವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಣ್ಣ.—ಇದರ ವೆಚ್ಚವೆಷ್ಟಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—76,500 ರೂಪಾಯಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಣ್ಣ.—ಇದರಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಕರೆ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—89½ ಎಕರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಣ್ಣ—ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಗತ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಪ್ರಯಾರಿಟಿ ಲಿಸ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ಸೇರಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಆರ್. ರಂಗೇಗೌಡ.—ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಆ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಬೇಗ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. 1960ರಲ್ಲಿ ಇಇವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಟ್ ಆಗಿ, 1961ರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ತಯಾರಾಗಿ, ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಇದು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಒಂದೊಂದಕ್ಕೂ ಒದೊಂದು ವರ್ಷ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇರುವ ಪ್ರದೇಶವಾದುದರಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಆಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಕೆಲವಾರು ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ಪಾದರೂ ಕೆರೆಕಟ್ಟುವವರೆಗೂ ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಕಾದಿರಬೇಕೇ ? ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇದ್ದಾಗ ಪೂರೈಸಬೇಕು ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಹೊಸ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್ ಆಗುವಾಗ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ನಿಧಾನವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಕ್ಷಾಮ ನಿವಾರಣೆಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಜೀರ್ಣೋದ್ಧಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ತಕ್ಷಣ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಣ್ಣ.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಬರತಕ್ಕ ನೀರು ನದಿಗೆ ಬಿದ್ದು ಆಂಧ್ರ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ವಿಷಯ ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಬಹಳ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಪ್ರಯಾರಿಟಿ ಲಿಸ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಲ್ಲ, ಬಡ್ಜೆಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣವಿಲ್ಲ, ಲಿಸ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿದೆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಕೆಲಸ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು, ಇದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಯಾರಿಟಿ ಲಿಸ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸುವುದು ಯಾವಾಗ, ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

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